Medical men with European qualifications.

116. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state what preference is being shown as a rule to medical men with European qualifications when they are appointed in the Medical Department of the State?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Assistant Surgeons having European diplomas are exempted from passing the Departmental Promotion Examination necessary for earning the fourth increment in their scale of pay of Rs 100-25/2-200 and those possessing European degrees from both the examinations necessary for earning the second and fourth increments. No other preference is, as a rule, shown to medical men with European qualifications.

Assistant Surgeons appointed during 1104-1105.

117. **MRS. ELIZABETH KURUVILA** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Assistant Surgeons who have never acted but appointed permanently in service during the two years ending the 15th July 1930 when already there were acting men; and

(*b*) the reasons for such appointments?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) One such appointment was made in the Sripadam Palace Dispensary.

Septic tank in the General Hospital.

118. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With reference to the answer given to question No. 345, asked at the meeting of the Council held in Karkatakam 1104 (*vide* pages 1043 and 1044 of Vol. XV of the Council Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the result of their consideration of the question of constructing a septic tank for the disposal of the sewage in the General Hospital, Trivandrum; and

(*b*) what has been done in pursuance of their promise to consider the question of removing the sewage till the tank is constructed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Chief Engineer has reported that the construction of a septic tank can be successful only after a system of drainage pipes is introduced and that the question has further to be investigated in detail.

(*b*) The Dewan made a local inspection of the locality; and, as a result, orders have been issued by the Government for the earthern portion of the drain carrying the sewage water of the Hospital from the culvert on the Kunnukuzhi road, and running through the private compounds, being converted into a covered masonry drain, and for a well being sunk in the Hospital compound near the head of the drain so that there may be enough water to have the drain flushed in the hot season. These works will be taken in hand soon.

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